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Korean Veterans

If you served in Korea, please read this carefully.

Immediately after cessation of Korean War hostilities on 27 July 1953, Australian service personnel serving in Korea no longer became entitled to the British Korea medal. They did remain entitled to the United Nations Korea Medal up to 26 July 1954

Subsequently, this matter of medal entitlement was reviewed by the Australian government, and a decision was taken that those who served in Korea from 28 July 1953 through to 26 July 1954 would be entitled to the Australian General Service medal 1945 (AGSM) with Korea clasp.

Since the Korean conflict, with the exception of Vietnam which was a declared war zone, Australian defence personnel have been engaged in a variety of Defence related activities such as Emergency forces, Exercising forces, and Patrol forces. In many cases, the service personnel so deployed were awarded the Australian Active Service medal (AASM), and were entitled to wear the Returned From Active Service lapel brooch (RAS). Note that the AASM is different from the AGSM.

There is a very strong feeling among Australian Korean Veterans who served in Korea in the period 28 July 1953 to 26 July 1954, that the conditions of their service in Korea were comparable with the service of later personnel who served in the forces mentioned in the previous paragraph. Further that because of this, these Korea Vets believe that they have equal entitlement to the AASM and the RAS brooch. They are not looking for any handouts from the Department of Veterans' affairs initiatives.

Three ex servicemen have taken upon themselves to make a submission to the Federal Government for this recognition. To support their submission, they need ALL Korean Vets to put their name to a petition.

If you are one of those who did Korean service in that window of 28 July 1953 through 26 July 1954, please help by sending a note to Rod Coupland, 34 Tasman Road, St Georges Basin, NSW 2540, simply stating , date and and sign it.

Should you want to make direct contact with any of the three ex servicemen initiating this submission, here are the contacts:

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